

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8, 9 and 12-21 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 13, 16, 17, 20 and 21 have been amended. Claims 5-7 have been cancelled in this Response. No new claims have been added.

(1) Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner states the insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation “the resin containing an aromatic compound in a portion thereof.”

Claim 13 has been amended to cure the insufficient antecedent basis. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

(2) Claims 1-9, 12 and 14-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ishibashi et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,579,657 B1).

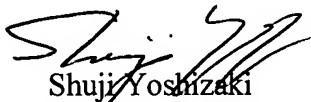
Claims 1, 16, 17, 20 and 21 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 7. Ishibashi et al. do not disclose or suggest the specific nonionic surfactant as recited in the independent claims of the present invention. Thus, the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is not supported by Ishibashi et al. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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The amendment in claims 1, 16, 17, 20 and 21 is to incorporate the limitations of originally presented claim 7. Thus, even if a new rejection is invoked, Applicants request a non-final office action.

(3) In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date. If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case. If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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